Functioning of DDA

†*319. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Development Authority is busy mainly in selling land, collecting money and construction of flats only;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Central Government have taken any steps or propose to take steps to bring changes in the said functioning of the Delhi Development Authority; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (d) Delhi Development Authority (DDA) is a statutory body created to promote and secure planned development of Delhi and for that purpose, the Authority has the power to acquire, hold, manage and dispose of land and other propoerty, and to carry out the necessary building, and infrastructure construction activity and provide for such social amenities as are necessary for meeting the requirements of the society.

In pursuance of its mandate as a planning agency, DDA has prepared and notified Master Plan of Delhi (MPD) 1962 and MPD-2001, as well as draft MPD-2021, in respect of which Public Notice was issued on 8.4.2005. The DDA has also notified Zonal Development Plans in respect of 8 Zones from "A" to "H" and Sub-city Plan for Rohini and Narela.

Further, for ensuring planned development of Delhi, DDA has acquired about 71,000 acres of land under the Scheme of Large Scale Acquisition of Land, and has disposed of land after development for various purposes such as, residential, commercial, industrial and institutional use. DDA has contributed about 10.755 lakh units to the housing stock in Delhi by constructing and allotting over 3.5 lakh dwelling units and making available land for group housing, rehabilitation of slum dwellers, and allotment of plots to individuals etc. DDA has also developed 24 industrial estates, about 9 District centres, 33 Commercial centres, 133 Local Shopping centres and 437 convenient shopping centres. DDA has allotted land for about 4000 institutions for setting up hospitals,

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eductional institutions, religious and socio-cultural organizations etc. DDA has also developed about 4585 hectares of green areas including 13 sports complexes.

The Government had set up an expert committee under the chairmanship of Shri Tejendra Khanna, former Lt. Governor of Delhi, to look into variour aspects of unauthorized construction and misuse of premises and to suggest a comprehensive strategy to deal with it including measures to prevent such recurrence in future and structure and accountability of the enforcement machinery. The Committee had made certain recommendation regarding a change in the role of DDA pertaining to its housing, planning, monitoring and enforcement functions.

Service centres in Kerala

*320. SHRI P.R. RAJAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up many service centres in the rural areas of the country under the National e-governance plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the number of above centres to be set up State-wise, category-wise;

(c) if so, whether any proposal has been submitted by the Competent Authority of Kerala for capacity building for e-governance implementation of Kerala; and

(d) if so, the status of the above proposal in detail?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) The Government has formulated a draft Scheme to facilitate the establishment of 100,000+ Information & Communication Technology (ICT) enabled Common Service Centres, primarily in rural areas across the country. These Centres are expected to provide a mix of Government and other private services at the doorstep of the citizens. However, no decision to go ahead with the implementation of the said scheme has been taken by Government.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Government is presently formulating a scheme for providing financial support for Capacity Building for e-Governance to all the States